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Daniel J. Hart Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin 1845 Walnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-4797

Re: Gorbey, et al. v. Longwill, et al.

Dear Mr. Hart:

I have reviewed the Police Report, records from EMS, fire company, Alfred I. Dupont Institute and Chief Medical Examiner, and the report of Dr. I. C. Hood with respect to the above named case

Complaint

On 08/30/02 Marissa Fishman was an infant who proceeded unattended to an indoor pool. The infant apparently fell into the pool and drowned.

Talleyville Fire Company EMS Report

A one-year old infant was found at the bottom of a pool. CPR had been begun by laymen.

New Castle County EMS Report

A one-year old female was found face down in the swimming pool by her mother. The patient was pulled from the pool and bystander CPR initiated. An EKG showed asystole, and attempts at resuscitation were unsuccessful.

Records of Alfred E. Dupont Institute

This 18-month old female child was admitted on 08/30/02 asystolic and not breathing. Resuscitation attempts led to the return of the pulse about 35 minutes after cardiac arrest, although mechanical ventilation and the use of dopamine for blood pressure support

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remained. The infant developed worsening respiratory acidosis and bilateral effusions. Multiple episodes of bradycardia required initiation of CPR and the administration of a variety of drugs. Disseminated intravascular coagulation was treated with fresh frozen plasma, cryoprecipitate and packed red blood cell transfusions. The patient's condition continued to deteriorate and she died on 08/03/02.

Certificate of Death

The immediate cause of death was listed as drowning.

Report of Dr. Ian Hood (01/24/06)

Dr. Hood is a forensic pathologist who reviews the events surrounding the accident and the infant's subsequent clinical course. He describes asphyxial drowning, "dry" drowning and secondary cardiac dysrhythmia. He notes that infants are more resistant to hypoxia than adults and that "very few victims of drowning seem to have been able to summon assistance." He then discusses pain and distress of a 20-month old infant and states that "there was no reason to indicate that Marissa would not have been as frantic and panic stricken as any conscious individual in the same circumstances." He concludes that the infant probably suffered 1-2 minutes of extreme air hunger and that she experienced pain, suffering, panic and terror.

Comment

In summary this is the case of a 1-1/2 year old infant who fell into a swimming pool and drowned. Dr. Hood is correct in his description of the physiology of drowning, but his comments on the emotional reactions of an infant to drowning are far beyond the training or experience of a pathologist. Having supervised the training of numerous pathologists as chairman of pathology departments at three medical schools, I can state with certainty that there is nothing in the residency training program that permits such speculation. The training of a forensic pathologist after residency does not include courses in psychiatry, neurology or neuroscience. Thus I can state with reasonable medical certainty that considerations of pain, suffering, panic and terror are far beyond the province of a pathologist. Please feel free to call upon me for any further information.

Sincerely, Emanuel Ruhin

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CURRICULUM VITAE

EMANUEL RUBIN, M.D.

Date of Birth:	December 5, 1928 New York, NY	
EDUCATION		
College	Villanova University - B.S.	1950
Medical School	Harvard Medical School - M.D.	1954
Internship	Boston City Hospital, Boston, MA	1954-1955
Residency	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Philadelphia, PA	1957-1958
Dazian Research Fellow in Pathology	Mount Sinai Hospital New York, NY	1958-1960
Advanced Clinical Fellow, American Cancer Society	Mount Sinai Hospital New York, NY	1960-1962
MILITARY SERVICE	U. S. Navy, Lieutenant	1955-1957
BOARD CERTIFICATION	Diplomate of American Board of Pathology (Anatomic and Clinical Pathology)	1962
HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS	The Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY	
	Assistant Attending Pathologist	1962-1964
	Associate Attending Pathologist	1964-1968
	Attending Pathologist and Director of Hospital Pathology Service	1968-1972
	Pathologist-in-Chief	1971-1976
	Hahnemann University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA.	

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	<u>Thomas Jefferson University Hospital</u> <u>Philadelphia, PA</u>		
	Attending Physician-in-Chief (Pathology)	•	1986-
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Mount Sinai School of Medicine of the City University of New York		
	Professor of Pathology		1966-1972
	Irene Heinz and John LaPorte Given Professor of Pathology and Chairman of the Department		1972-1976
	Hahnemann University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pa.	·	
	Professor and Chairman, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine		1977-1986
	University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pa.		
	Adjunct Professor of Biochemistry and Biophysics	,	1977-1988
	Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia		
	Gonzalo E. Aponte Professor of Pathology		1986-2003
	Chairman of the Department of Pathology and Cell Biology	•	1986-1994
	Chairman of the Department of Pathology, Anatomy and Cell Biology		1994-2003
	Gonzalo E. Aponte Professor of Pathology and Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Pathology, Anatomy and Cell Biology		2003-Present
<u>HONORS</u>	American Medical Writer's Association Award For Best Medical Textbook of the Year		1989
	Doctor Honoris Causa University of Barcelona		1994
	The F.K. Mostofi Distinguished Service Award	•	1996

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NIH MERIT Award		1996-2006
Tom Kent Award of Group for Research in Pathology Education (GRIPE)		2001

Doctor Honoris Causa 2003

Doctor Honoris Causa University of Naples, Italy		2003
NAMED LECTURER	Maude L. Menten Centennial Lecture - University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine	1987
	Whipple Lecture - University of Rochester Medical Center -	1987
	Chippy Friedman Memorial Lecture - Haifa Univ Technion Medical School, Haifa, Israel -	ersity, 1988
	Maude Abbott Lecture - U. SCanadian Academy of Pathology -	1990
	Reginald G. Mason Memorial Lecture - University of Utah School of Medicine -	1992
	Marcus Wallenberg Symposium, Keynote Addres Alcohol and the Cell, Lund, Sweden -	ss: 1992
	Jack M. Layton Lecture University of Arizona School of Medicine -	1994
	Clifford Toren Memorial Lecture University of South Alabama School of Medicine	1994
	Donald Svoboda Memorial Lecture University of Kansas Medical School	1995
CONSULTANTSHIPS	NIAAA - Biomedical Review Committee	1970-1974 1981-1985
	NIAAA (NIH)- Biochemistry, Physiology and Medicine Subcommittee of Alcohol Biomedical Research Review Committee	1990-1994
	Ad Hoc Member NIH - Pathology B NHLBI	
	National Task Force for Alcohol and Health, Department of Health, Education and Welfare	1971 1977 1985

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Representative of Association of Pathology

Chairmen to Council of Academic Societies 1991-1994

Medical Advisory Council, Alcoholic

Beverage Medical Research Foundation 1992-

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Laboratory Investigation 1982-1995 **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

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Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research

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